PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

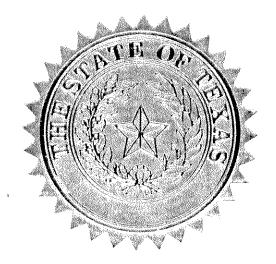
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2265 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2265 would authorize progressive bingo, in which the jackpot prize can grow to several times the currently allowed level. This is a significant departure from existing legal charitable bingo games.

The bill would allow a progressive bingo jackpot to grow to \$2,500, compared to the current maximum \$750. The progressive prize would not count against the current cap on total prizes, resulting in a \$10,000 cap on prizes for the evening. This is not in keeping with the nature of charitable bingo and threatens to cost the charities more in prize payouts than they will gain in revenue from players.

Progressive bingo represents an expansion of gambling beyond anything contemplated when Texas allowed neighborhood charitable bingo halls.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.



ATTESTED BY:

ROGER WILLIAMS Secretary of State SECRETARY OF STATE
O'CLOCK

JUN 15 2007